Artists Among Us

Standards: 4 and 5

Level: Pre K–3

Description:

Children will discover the artists and craftspeople who live in their neighborhood.

Materials:

paper and pencils

Preparation:

Keep your eyes open for local craft shows, studio tours, and art shows that you can take your child to.

Procedure:

When the seasons change, artists often open their studios to the public. Studio tours are usually advertised in local newspapers, along with lists of the various studios and their locations. Take a day and visit a number of studios with your child. You might want to call ahead to make sure that the artist is willing to take the time to talk with her. Let the child look at the arts and crafts on display and encourage her to ask questions. If you are lucky, you may even see an artist at work.

Extension:

After visiting a local artist, have your child draw a picture that shows what she learned about artists and craftspeople.

Just for Kids:

Art is all around us. And artists and craftspeople who create works of art live in your town. Do you know any artists? Do you have a relative or a neighbor who paints for a hobby? Several times a year, artists open up their studios to the public. When you meet an artist, ask questions like these: How do you do that? Do you like being an artist?

Resources:

I Am an Artist by Pat Lowery Collins

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